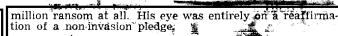
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Castro's Big Achievement



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n. Estes Kefauver's crime committee ago identified Cuba as an international hub in the fiendish traffic. Much of this free delivery to Castro-highest quality—will come right smack back to the dope perfects in the United States.

Snortly before I left Switzerland our American emblassy, in co-operation with the superb Swiss police, imported more than \$2 million in morphine in transit, carried in a single suitcase. This is how morphine money multiplies in the form Castro will cut it.

The whole ransom affair typifies Washington's news manipulation, culminating even in the President's Miami eulogy to the survivors themselves of Dec. 29. Speaking there, not only words were used as "weaponry." Hearts were used as well.

President Kennedy repeatedly stated, "This is being done by a private committee," while our Government was as much in it as in the Hay of Pigs affair itself. This is now a secret everybody knows.

But inside his office the determined Attorney General had—from the beginning—what he called the "wish list" from Castro. The Curan drew up atteracy compilation. In totalling it to \$53 million he used mostly obsolete drughouse catalogues. He specified some drugs unobtainable here, many scient fically obsolete, and even dreamed up others that never existed.

His morphine feature, however, was the final clincher Castro demanded it his American blackmail. The Attorney General's opening explanation in soliciting each contribution was: "My brother made a mistake."

Why didn't our public servants simply perform on the straight-forward basis required by their official position? Congress specifically prohibited the use of taxpayers' money for ransom during the tractors-for-prisoners uproar. These officials could not to what they wanted to do and still come out in the open.

To date the Administration has even refused a list of items, quantities and costs, making all assessment by our public impossible. Congress should at least expose the tax gimmicks and inside bait authorized overnight after the Attorney General's reported "fella, get busy" word to Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, by a Government which is about to challenge every citizen's lunch nickel and Christmas eiger mas cigar.

Moreover, impec able Cuban underground sources as close to Castro as his beard (for Castro's inner circle has been well penetrated) itsis Castro's real win was not the \$53

Knowing negotiator James B. Donovan spike for President Kennedy and his brother, Castro required and received this pledge as the basic requirement before allowing the invasion prisoners to leave. Castro asked Mr. Donovan, "What if President Kennedy Epudiates you?" Mr. Donovan replied. He wont.

In short Castro has achieved his ambition as the communist leaver of Latin America under a United States guarantee not to molest, or permit any neighbor to molest, Red Cuba's sovereignty.

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This reaffirmed President Kennedy's guarantee thru United Nations Acting Secretary-General U Thant if the missiles were removed, still never admitted by Washington but extracted from the secret UN minutes of the initial U Thant-Castro meeting in Havana which U Thant's office confirmed to me as accurate.

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